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DEAR MISS. BARTHOLOMEW:

THIS IS A RATHER BELATED REPLY TO YOUR LETTER OF 13TH APRIL TO MR. WALTER E. JETT ABOUT TWINING VINES. I AM THE ONE WHO WAS INTERESTED IN THE VINE YOU IDENTIFIED AS DIOSCOREA VILLOSA. BY TRAINING I AM A RADIO ENGINEER ASSOCIATED WITH THE NEW NATIONAL RADIO ASTRONOMY OBSERVATORY. HOWEVER I LIKE THINGS OF NATURE IN GENERAL AND SOME TIME AGO THIS VINE CAUGHT MY EYE. I HAVE READ THE TWO ENCLOSURES YOU SENT WITH GREAT INTEREST, PARTICULARLY THE ONES BY H. A. ALLARD WHO SEEMS TO BE A PROLIFIC CONTRIBUTOR TO YOUR JOURNAL. SOME OF THE REFERENCES CITED ARE IMPRESSIVE, PARTICULARLY NUMBER 7 ON PAGE 13 OF THE MARCH 1945 ISSUE.

I HAVEN'T WRITTEN TO DR. ALLARD BECAUSE I HAVEN'T ANY GOOD QUESTIONS YET. HOWEVER I AM WONDERING IF THIS WILD YAM HAS ANY EDIBLE TUBERS ON THE ROOTS? THE VINE GROWS PROFUSELY HERE ALONG FENCES AND SUCH PLACES. PRESENTLY I AM DOING AN EXPERIMENT WITH SEVERAL VARIETIES OF POLE BEANS. THEY ALL TURN THE SAME WAY, THAT IS IN A DIRECTION OPPOSITE TO THE ABOVE VINE.

I THINK IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA TO JOIN YOUR CLUB AND ENCLOSE MY CHECK FOR SUM OF \$3.00 IN PAYMENT FOR A YEARS DUES. IF ANY OTHER OF YOUR MEMBERS ARE NEAR BY OR ARE INTERESTED IN TWINING VINES PLEASE PUT ME IN TOUCH WITH THE PROPER PARTIES.

SINCERELY YOURS,

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